M E M O R A N D U M

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TO: JIM GARRISON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

FROM: JAMES L. ALCOCK, ASSISTANT D. A.

RE: TELEPHONE CALL FROM FRANK de la BARRE (522-6781)

On March 4, 1967, Al Oser and I interviewed Frank de la Barre, Attorney at Law. He told us of a transaction he had with RICHARD DAVIS back in the summer of 1963. It seems that DAVIS came to Frank's uncle, Gus de la Barre, about the possibility of locating some Cuban refugees in this area. The plan was to temporarily house these people in this area. The Cubans were then to go to Guatemala and work in his mahogany forest. To this end, a corporation was formed. The corporation was styled "The Guatemala Lumber & Mineral Corporation". The President of the corporation was James Milla; the Vice President was Gus de la Barre; another Vice President was Rudolph Richard Davis, Jr.; and the Secretary and attorney for the corporation was Frank de la Barre. A client of Frank de la Barre, Mr. M. R. Fletcher, owned some property on Bayou Lacombe across the lake. He had purchased this property in 1954 and recently sold it to the Crown Petroleum Corporation. Frank and Gus de la Barre supplied some food and clothing for the men at the camp. Frank de la Barre, however, never personally went to this camp. In the late summer of 1963, a cache of explosives was found in a residence nearby the camp. This alarmed the de la Barres and Mr. Fletcher and as a result they asked the Cubans to leave the camp. Frank de la Barre remembers that on a Sunday morning he saw Richard Davis driving up to the Greyhound Bus Station in a rented Hertz truck with the Cubans. Frank and Gus bought a fare back to Miami for the men. All of the contact with the camp was had through RICHARD DAVIS. Frank recalls that the Sheriff for the St. Tammany Parish had received complaints from neighbors that there had been shooting from that area. However, he does not know positively whether it was from Fletcher's camp or from some other location. Gus de la Barre knows much more about the camp and the activities than Frank. The next time Gus comes to town he is to contact us and give us more details.